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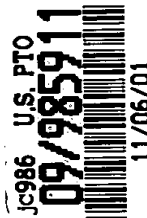
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 to inform the Patent and Trademark Office of all references coming to the attention of each individual associated with the filing or prosecution of the subject application, which are or may be material to the patentability of a claim of the subject application, Attorneys for Applicants hereby direct the Examiner's attention to references AA-AV listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A.

Copies of references AA-AT were submitted by Applicants or cited by the Examiner in connection with U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/583,169, filed May 30, 2000, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. No. 09/263,810, filed March 8, 1999, and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/821,451, filed March 21, 1997, to which the instant application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), the Examiner is respectfully directed to the files of the above-listed applications for copies of references AA-AT.

Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner that SEQ ID NO:1 and the corresponding cDNA clone of this application are related to SEQ ID NOS:14548 and 14474 in copending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/912,292. A legible copy of that portion of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/912,292 which caused it to be listed on the attached form PTO/SB/08A is submitted herewith as reference AU.

Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner that SEQ ID NO:3 and the corresponding cDNA clone of this application are related to SEQ ID NO:231903 in copending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/912,293. A legible copy of that portion

of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/912,293 which caused it to be listed on the attached form PTO/SB/08A is submitted herewith as reference AV.

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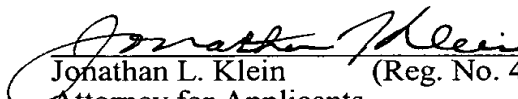
The above information is presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office can determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. See 37 C.F.R. 1.104(a) concerning the PTO duty to consider and use any such information. It is respectfully requested that the information be considered during the prosecution of this application.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the listed references and that the references be made of record in the file history of the application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since this information disclosure statement is being filed concurrently with the instant application, no fee is due in connection herewith. However, should the Patent Office determine otherwise, please charge the required fee to Human Genome Sciences, Inc., deposit account no. 08-3425.

Respectfully submitted,

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